

Local Matters.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 1862.

Boot Blazing.

We should announce to our readers that we have made arrangements by which we are prepared to receive all kinds of book bindings. The work will be done in the most superior manner, and we are quite sure will give satisfaction. Orders solicited.

Baileys.—The levees at the Island House, last week was so well enjoyed by those present, that another has been proposed, and will be held on Friday evening, Feb. 1st. The arrangements will be very ample and like the first, only more so. The lecture at Wrightman's Hall on Saturday evening, by Rev. Mr. Knapp of the Secular Commission, was very interesting, and gave one a much better idea of the operations of that truly human institution than could be obtained otherwise. — The notorious swindler and rascal, Tiff, was last week in Hoosic Falls, Mass., where he swindled a minister out of two dollars, and then left to practice the same game elsewhere. Will not the Massachusetts papers, all together give this villain who pretends to be a writing master, a proper notice, and thus guard the public from his baseness? — The annual meeting of the Bank of Bellows Falls, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday of next week. — A fire at Sharon on Sunday morning last week, destroyed the lumber and grist mill of L. G. Chisolm, and also a machine shop near by. — The ladies of Chester last week, sent off seventy pairs of mittens for soldiers, in one box, besides many other things. — Some papers have a most wonderful faculty of bragging about their circulation. According to their bragging, they have always been on the "increase," and having been so for the last ten years, they must now have a circulation beyond the entire population of Vermont. — The annual meeting of the Bellows Falls Savings Institution will be held at Col. Westworth's office on Tuesday of next week. — We are the recipient of a bag of very nice and superior flour from Charles Fisher, floured at his mill in Derryville, and made also from wheat raised by himself the past year. The generous sample sent us, is of the first quality, and speaks well not only for the wheat, but also for his flouring mill which we have heard highly spoken of before. This reminds us of a half bushel of splendid flour generously presented us some weeks since, by a farmer in Westminster, which had been floured at the same mill. Mr. Fisher has recently put in a new flouring mill, sifting machine, etc, and the flour which we have now had such ample opportunity to test, is certainly not surpassed by any made in the country, and is equal to the best brands made in the West or elsewhere. — The people of the East Parish of Westminster, paid their excellent pastor, Rev. Mr. Foster, a donation on New Year's evening amounting to some \$75,—nearly one half of which was money. — Mrs. Whiting, a patriotic old lady of South Reading, is engaged in knitting for the soldiers. She is nearly 95 years of age. — The annual Fair of the ladies of Immanuel church, will be held this (Thursday) afternoon and evening, at Wrightman's Hall. All are invited. — J. B. Dixell, Esq., our town collector of taxes, will be in the following places next week, to receive taxes, and hopes all in those places will be ready to pay at the times mentioned: At D. F. Cushing's store, Cambridgeport, Tuesday, Jan. 14th. At the Post office, Saxon's River, Wednesday, 15th; and at Arms & Wilson's store, Bellows Falls, Thursday, Jan. 16th. — Mr. Lombard has retired from the firm of Labaree, Lombard & Co., Springfield, and the new firm, we believe, is Labaree & Thompson.

BELLOWS FALLS CITY GOVERNMENT.

1862.—The annual Corporation meeting of this village was held at Chase's Hall, on Monday evening. The following officers were chosen for the year ensuing:

Clerk.—Geo. A. Graves.

Advertiser.—A. S. Clark, John W. Moore, Merrick Wentworth, Fabius Bancroft, T. C. Wells.

Warden.—John Kimball, Alfred Kemp, John G. Wrightman, Charles Haggard, William Stone.

Treasurer.—Asa Wentworth, Jr.

Collector.—John Kimball.

There was no contest in the election of officers, though several ballots were had on some of the first wards, there being no particular candidates, and each man voting on his own hook. The committee raised at a special meeting to build an engine house, reported that they had done nothing for want of money to do it with. The builders were authorized to confer with the reservoirs, and a tax of 13 cents on the dollar was voted, after which the meeting adjourned, with the usual and customary vote to "sell the old engine."

CAMBRIDGEPORT.—The patriotic ladies of Cambridgeport have organized a soldier aid society: Mrs. S. Perry, president; Mrs. L. Glynn, vice president; Mrs. H. Wyman, secretary; and Mrs. George Wheeler, treasurer. They have contributed liberally to the sick and wounded of the 4th regiment, the following being the contents of one box:—1 woolen blanket, 6 comfortables, 14 pillows, 4 sheets, 1 shirt,

3 bed gowns, 6 cotton flannel shirts; 5 p's. drivers, 3 wrappers, 8 pair socks; 1 pair mittens, 1 linen towel, and 8 rolls bandages. The reception of these articles cannot fail to cheer the hearts of the soldiers, and show to them still further, that these they have left behind, care for their comfort.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. John Perry, depot master at Westminster, had a narrow escape on Friday of last week. He was drawing logs, when the sled capsized, and his legs were caught beneath the logs in such a manner that he could not extricate himself. After remaining in this condition some half an hour, it being a traverse sled, he managed to start the horses by which he went off with the fore runners, upon the run till they met another team. The appearance of the horses indicated trouble, and some men immediately started back and found Mr. Perry nearly freezing, having been thus confined an hour and twenty minutes. No bones were broken, and he is able to be about, but quite lame.

FOX SKIN DANFORTH.—This notorious swindler, and twin rascal to Tiff, was caged in the jail at Keene, N. H., last week. He has been playing similar games there that he did here a few years since, for which he spent a year or more in mink-skin suits at the snuff mill at Windsor. In October last he went to one of the clothing stores, at Keene, and got a pair of pants, saying he had just sold a pair of oxen, (the old story, as many will recognize in this village,) and should have his pay the next week, when he would "pay in a few days," and representing his name as Stevens. On Thursday, last week, he appeared again in that place, at a boot and shoe store, where he offered for sale a side of leather which he had stolen in Sullivan, a description of which had been previously left there. By this he was discovered and immediately arrested, and we trust that the New Hampshire authorities will see that he is not so at large to commit further depredations. He has now served several short terms in state prisons, and as there can be no possible mitigating circumstances in his case, it is time he had a long one.

P. S.—We learn that he got the leather in Winchester, where he represented that he had just bought a farm in Swanzey, and was going to kill a cow the next Monday, when he would bring the hide, and a horse hide, which he also pretended to have, in payment. We regret to learn, also, that he will probably get off by stopping a short time in jail, as the laws of New Hampshire do not make it a state prison offence to obtain goods under false pretences.

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The next legislature in that state ought to make an enactment especially for his case.

TO OWNERS OF HORSES, &c.—Our readers doubtless observe the advertisement in another column, of our neighbor of the Argus. We suspect the book is really a pretty good thing for every man who owns a horse, and we therefore commend it not only for its own merits, but altogether as the best publication ever before issued from that office! We trust we shall not differ with the Argus on this point.

SHARP SHOOTERS.—The 32 company of sharp shooters left Brattleboro on the seat of war, on Wednesday last week, and arrived in Washington Friday morning.

Eighteen remained behind, sick, most of them with the measles, but they are recovering. They are in charge of Lieut. Albert Buxton, we believe, and hope to be able to join their company by the 20th of this month.

WESTERN LAW FIRM.—We notice by the Dubuque Times, that F. M. Robinson and Austin Adams have formed a new law firm in that city. The Times compliments them very highly, and no doubt justly; and the Bellows Falls Times can do likewise, as we know both gentlemen, and would cordially commend them to any of our readers who may wish to procure legal counsel in the west. Mr. Robinson is our old friend, formerly of South Reading, and Mr. Adams we knew well while studying law with Gov. Coolidge, at Windsor. They are both men of reliability, with whom business may be entrusted with entire confidence.

THIRTY MEN WANTED.—We understand that Capt. Dutton has recruited about seventy men at Townshend, and wants about thirty more to fill up his company. The men recruited are some of the best citizens of our State, and the company is one of the most desirable in which to enlist yet sent out to the army. Among them are already some ten or twelve school masters. Several had entered College, Capt. Dutton and W. H. Smith, both of whom have enlisted, were law students in Judge Stoddard's office. Dr. Holton of Jamaica, Professor of penmanship in Chester academy, and S. E. Howard, Professor of the same science in Leland seminary are also in the same company. These are just the men needed down South. If they could have had more of them years ago, we would have been saved the present rebellion. As the company is not quite full, now is the time to enlist, and probably another so good a chance will not be offered.

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Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wilbur. 5th, Hyatt, 6th, Sherman, Rev. Mr. Chandler. 7th, Anthem. 8th, Ordaining prayer, Rev. Stevens. 9th, Charge to the minister by Rev. Stevens. 10th, Fellowship of the churches, Rev. Jeffords. 11th, Address to the people, Rev. Chandler. 12th, Closing anthem. 13th, Benediction by the minister.

The singing was very excellent, J. J. Kimball leading the choir, and Mr. Wright organist. The sermon by Rev. Mr. Chandler of West Brattleboro, is highly spoken of as one of much force and ability, and the exercises of the entire day formed an occasion of much interest.

LATEST NEWS.

Battle in Western Virginia.

Our troops in Western Virginia celebrated the 5th of January by attacking 2000 rebels at Blue Gap. The attack was a complete success, the rebels being completely routed with the loss of 15 killed, two pieces of cannon, their wagons, &c., with 20 prisoners, including one commissioned officer. Our loss is none.

A CARD.

The subscribers would hereby express their gratitude to their many friends in Westminster, for the New Year's greeting with which they were cheered at their homes on the evening of January 1. For that reason, we desire to express our thanks for their kind wishes and liberal donations in money and the substantialst of life, amounting to some \$75, we return them our warmest thanks. May they experience the superior blessedness of those who give, and may the blessing of that Being whose favor is life, and whose loving kindness is better than life, rest upon them in all their interests for this world, and that which is to come!

A. H. FOSTER,
L. C. EDISTER.

Westminster, Jan. 9, 1862.

THE MARKETS.

BOSTON, Jan. 8
FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The market for Flour is firm, but inactive. We quote sales at \$27.25. Corn, 75c. Rice, 80c.
HAY.—\$1.00 per ton.
PROVISIONS.—Lard, 6c. per lb. Smoked Ham, 6c. @ 7c. Butter, 12c. @ 20c; common, 12c. @ 16c.
WOOL.—Demand fair, and prices tending upward. Sales at \$4. @ 5c. per lb.

CAMBRIDGE MARKET.

Wednesday, Jan. 9
At market 1400 cattle, about 1200 hams, and 1000 stores consisting of Working Oxen, Old Cows, and one thousand three years old.

Market Report.—Extra, \$5.75 @ 6.50; first quality, \$5.25 @ 5.50; second quality, \$5.00 third quality, \$4.75 @ 5.00; ordinary, \$4.00 @ 4.50.

WORKING OXEN.—\$6.00 @ 6.50; two-year-old, \$4.75 @ 5.00; three years old, \$4.50 @ 5.00.

CORN.—\$1.00 per bushel, extra, \$1.25; common, \$1.10 @ 1.25.

MEAT.—\$1.00 per lb. Hams, \$1.25; bacon, \$1.10 @ 1.25.

LEATHER.—\$1.00 per lb. Sheepskins, \$1.25; leather, \$1.10 @ 1.25.

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